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SUBJECT: MITREGA VISIT WITH FEA ADMINISTRATOR SAWHILL

1. AN OBVIOUSLY RELAXED, PLEASED, SELF-CONFIDENT MITREGA MET WITH ADMINISTRATOR SAWHILL MAY 22.

2. SAWHILL OPENED THE MEETING BY STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHES TO REJUVENATING US COAL INDUSTRY AND, AS DO POLES, FINDING IN COAL ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY TO OIL IMPORTS.

3. SAWHILL ACKNOWLEDGED POLAND'S ADVANCED STATE IN MINING TECHNOLOGY. BOTH MITREGA AND SAWHILL STATED THEIR DESIRE FOR US-POLISH COOPERATION IN MINING TECHNOLOGY AND COAL

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CONVERSION. MITREGA OBSERVED THAT US MINING TECHNIQUES

ARE QUITE INEFFICIENT AND WONDERED WHETHER THE US WITH PRESENT TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS CAN MINE SUFFICIENT COAL TO FEED COAL CONVERSION PLANTS. THIS SEEMED A POSSIBLE AREA FOR COOPERATION. SAWHILL ENCOURAGED THE POLES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US INDUSTRY ON MINING AND OBTAIN IN RETURN US TECHNOLOGY. HE STATED THAT FEA WOULD BE MOST HAPPY TO WORK WITH THE POLES TO ASSIST THEM IN CONTACTS AND HELP WORK OUT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. MITREGA MENTIONED THAT POLAND HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM US SOURCES TO DESIGN AUTOMATED MINES AND SUPPLY THE NEEDED EQUIPMENT. MITREGA STATED THAT POLAND WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DO JUST THAT AND HAS TAKEN THE FIRST STEPS ALONG THIS ROAD WITH FMC. SAWHILL ENCOURAGED THIS TYPE OF COOPERATION.

5. IN CONCLUSION SAWHILL OFFERED THE ASSISTANCE OF HIS STAFF TO INSURE THAT ACTIVITIES THAT BOTH THE US AND POLAND WANT WILL ACTUALLY OCCUR IN A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL FASHION.

6. MITREGA DESIGNATED NOWAK AS THE POLISH CONTACT POINT WITH FEA.

7. MITREGA INVITED SAWHILL TO VISIT POLAND AND ESPECIALLY THE AUTOMATED JAN MINE. SAWHILL SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO VISIT MINE. RUSH

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